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<http://empowerla.org/asnc/arroyo-seco-nc-2014-elections> <http://empowerla.org/asnc/arroyo-seco-nc-2014-elections>

All 21 positions on the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council are up for grabs. Candidate filing opens February 10. You can find all the information and forms you need at that link. The election will be held April 26 at Ramona Hall. Vote By Mail applications are at that link also.

Not sure which Neighborhood Council you belong to? Put your street address here: <http://neighborhoodinfo.lacity.org/index.cfm> <http://neighborhoodinfo.lacity.org/index.cfm>

Martha Benedict
Election Chair
Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council

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<http://tinyurl.com/lcgx74g>

Safety Valet Needs You!

The Safety Valet team is looking for valet volunteers for Thursdays. Can you spare 45 minutes of time in the morning? You'll be opening and closing the doors of cars as parents drive through the drop off zone, allowing children to get out of the car safely! Please contact Jamilah Haygood at Jamilah@crimsonsociety.org or (310) 801-0330 for more details.

Stargazing – this Friday, February 7th!

Starting at 5:30pm for your enjoyment we've arranged for BARRAGAN's Mexican Restaurant (serving our communities since 1961 *donating back 15% of evening's sales) and other 'fun stuff' for sale. Help support the 6th graders by buying a beverage. Proceeds from food & merchandise sales help support our school. The event will begin at 6:30pm with an awesome slide show followed by stargazing.

- See Jupiter (the largest planet) and its moons and Venus (the hottest planet) through our giant telescope that is 4 times more powerful than the one at Griffith Observatory!
- View Lunar craters and travel over 1,300 years back in time as we observe the Great Nebula in Orion, a stellar nursery where stars are being born, plus many other Deep Space Objects!

Admission is FREE and is open to the Community. [CLICK HERE FOR FLYER](#)

*Volunteers will be needed to aim the telescopes; this is fun and easy to do. To volunteer or questions, contact Reda Rountree at stargazingchair@fomws.org or 323/440-0032.

Thursday, February 13th 7:00-8:30pm - An Evening on Bullying Prevention!

Join us at Mt. Washington Elementary School in the MPR from 7:00-8:30pm for an evening on bullying prevention. FOMWS is proud to host Dr. Michael Pritchard, a motivational and nationally acclaimed speaker, praised by the Wall Street Journal, CNN (as somebody who's making a difference) and featured in Time Magazine for his ability to use humor to inspire and educate his audiences at our school. Dr. Pritchard is also a PBS series host and award-winning youth counselor and author of the book "Listen To What Your Kid's Aren't Telling You". His seminar will be followed by a 30min direct question & answer period ~ both are sure to be invaluable. He is someone initiating positive change in Youth across America.

Don't miss this empowering evening! *childcare, coffee & dessert will be provided [CLICK HERE FOR FLYER](#). RSVP's requested to fomws2014@gmail.com *For every parent that attends the seminar a "Child NO Homework Pass" will be issued at seminar's end*

Valentine's Day Dance Is Coming On 02/14/14

Save the date for our Valentine's Dance on Friday 02/14/14 from 5:30-7:30 in the MPR. This is a family dance hosted by Girl Scout Troop 1955, which means the girl scouts will plan, set up and do all the work all you have to do is bring your kiddos and have fun. It's early enough that you can spend some time as a family on Valentine's Day, tire out the kiddos so they are ready for bed early, then you can have a nice evening at home or still have time to go out as a couple. \$5 gets you in the door, there will be food, drinks, a DJ, fun and of course Super Heros...come dressed like one to save \$2 at the door. Look for a flyer coming home this week.

Proceeds from the dance will be split between Mt. Washington Elementary and Troop 1955. Come show off your Super dance moves!

Progressive Dinner (2/22) - Tickets Going Fast!

This month's Progressive Dinner is coming. We have already sold over 50% of our tickets. NOW is the time to get your tickets! Buy now at <http://mwpta.org/mt-washington-progressive-dinner-farm-table-school/>.

Need a babysitter for Progressive Dinner night?

Carlin G Smith Rec Center is offering affordable child care for the night for just \$15.00 per child. First come, first reserved. Call (323) 225-4960 to reserve your spot.

Order Your Yearbooks Early

It's time to order your yearbook. Our yearbook committee is hard at work creating this year's annual. Order yours early and save a few bucks. If you order by March 1st they are only \$24. Between March 2nd and April 1st they will be \$27 and after April 2nd till supplies last they will be \$30. You can also write a dedication for your child or their teacher in the book for \$10, or advertise your business from \$25 to \$40 depending on the ad size. Look for order forms to come home in backpacks this week.

We also need your pictures. If you have any great pix of events at our school or pix from field trips, special events or every day happenings in your child's classroom please send them our way. You can put them on a disc, a flash drive leave us prints to scan in at the office or with Mrs. Mori, or upload them directly to this link: <https://community.lifetouch.com/> and use code VOEUME. Thank you for your help!

Amazon Success – Keep Using the Link

Here's a quick summary on the money you've earned for the school just by using the <http://amazon.com/?tag=mwptaorg-20> link when shopping on Amazon.com.

Period Items Purchase \$\$\$ Earned for MWES

7/1/2013 – 11/30/2013 166 \$162.07

12/1/2013 – 12/31/2013 170 \$244.00

1/1/2014 – 1/31/2014 71 \$92.30

As you can see, this is an easy way to earn money for our school. If you shop on Amazon, just click here <http://amazon.com/?tag=mwptaorg-20> to load the page and then continue to shop as normally do. Please forward this link to your friends and family and ask them to use it too!!!

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3 **All Things HERMON. . . (02/01/14)**

Sun Feb 2, 2014 10:29 pm (PST) . Posted by: [asncaalert](#)

*** Just this last Thursday, LAPD Sr. Lead Officer John Pedroza verified that a medical marijuana dispensary is going into the Monterey Plaza at 5926A Monterey Road, after

speaking with the dispensary owner. This is the space where Monterey Adult Day Health Care Center (MADHCC) used to be, right next to Fresco Community Market. The dispensary will be in one of three business spaces the plaza owner, Mr. Habib is dividing out of the old MADHCC space.

We had been hearing whispers about this for quite some time but couldn't find out anything for certain. And every time we'd hear it was coming, community input was pretty much the same – oh no you won't!

The owner of the new dispensary, who already has a signed one-year lease with plaza owner Mr. Habib, has told SLO Pedroza and me, separately, that he wants to first hear from the community. He also wants a chance to explain his business, and that if the community doesn't support his business than he will save himself \$80K-\$100K building it -- and go elsewhere. Construction permits have not yet been filed, but his projected opening is end of February to mid-March.

So, both the owners of the dispensary and of Monterey Plaza have been invited to a Hermon Community Meeting THIS Wednesday, February 5, at 7 p.m., in the Fellowship Center at 5800 Monterey Road where we need to absolutely fill the room with you and your neighbors. This is our BIG chance to tell the new owner why we don't and won't support his business in our community. Period.

We've fought Goliath before – and WON.

Remember when KB Homes was buying our historic Los Angeles Seminary school site on the hill at the top of Coleman Avenue along Via Marisol that also threatened Wheeling Way and a part of Monterey Road -- to fill it with a dense housing development? Over 150 neighbors came out and packed the huge meeting room (where ironically the dispensary is going now) to stop the development and keep that historic site for a school. Together, the community, Hermon Church, and Councilmember Jose Huizar booted KB Homes to their U-Hauls and Los Angeles International Charter High School was welcomed onto the school site. They remain a positive and vital part of Hermon.

Or maybe you remember when a previous business (where Tasty Mama's is now at Redfield and Monterey Road) tried to get an expired liquor license restored? Some of us remembered how liquor sales there before, just blocks from both Hermon schools, had brought a very real criminal element into Hermon -- drugs, gangs and early morning police raids kept neighbors scared and locked in their homes. Others learned how Hermon fought back and didn't want to risk that again and together a small army of us made our way to City Hall to fight. We spoke and the judge said to the owner --"you see the community doesn't want this – what are you going to do about it?" The owner withdrew his request for a liquor license. And we WON.

This Wednesday night's meeting is our next chance and responsibility to keep Hermon the safe and vigilant community we proudly call home. Even if you have to juggle your busy schedule for this one meeting, please come, and speak for Hermon's future. It can make a difference. A list of just some of the concerns and consequences of a marijuana "store" in Hermon will follow in another post in the next couple of days. Please save that date.

*** Two quick happy notes . . .

-- You're not imagining it if think you see Hermon Dog Park during the Super Bowl! Audi has a commercial about a reported "disturbing mix of dogs," a Doberman and Chihuahua – a "Doberhuahua" of course. And when it goes to a dog park, it goes to HERMON Dog Park! See it for yourself if you missed it at <http://dailypicksandflicks.com/2014/01/28/>

audi-super-bowl-ad-doberhuahua-video/ <http://dailypicksandflicks.com/2014/01/28/audi-super-bowl-ad-doberhuahua-video/> (Not to give anything away, but there really are no Doberhuahuas at Hermon Dog Park . . . that we know of . . .)

-- As of January 27, and of the only 20 remaining identified community (some call "feral") cats in Hermon, 17 have been trapped, spay, or neutered and returned to their area with a feeding program set up for them with a nearby neighbor. How cool is that? The remaining three cats are being trapped. It takes a big 14-pound bag of donated cat food to feed Hermon's homeless cats every week. You can bring any dry cat food you wish to donate with you to this Wednesday night's meeting. For more info contact Mark at MarkLegassie@gmail.com <mailto:MarkLegassie@gmail.com>

Because it's all good (and worth fighting for) in Hermon
where quirky works,
families return,
and dogs sleep all night long.

Wendi

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